



## **H.R. 716 - Santa Rosa Urban Water Reuse Plan Act**

### **Floor Situation**

H.R. 716 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-CA) on January 29, 2007. The bill was ordered to be reported from the Committee on Natural Resources by unanimous consent.

H.R.716 is expected to be considered on the floor on July 23, 2007.

### **Summary**

This legislation authorizes the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with the City of Santa Rosa, California, to participate in the design, planning, and construction of projects to implement the plan entitled the "Santa Rosa Urban Water Reuse Plan".

The legislation authorizes \$20,000,000 to be used in the construction and planning of the "Santa Rosa Urban Water Reuse Plan".

### **Background**

California gets most of its water from Colorado and portions of the state are very arid state. Annually, the State deals with numerous forest fires and is frequently faced with drought conditions. Rather than store water for later use, the state of California uses the water it has and recycles it to be used for drinking and irrigation.

### **Cost**

According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and assuming appropriation of the authorized amount, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$20 million over the 2008-2012 period. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

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